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1. MIDDLE EAST.

(A) IZVESTIYA'S "INTERNATIONAL REVIEW" DEVOTES VERY LITTLE SPACE TO THE SECRETARY'S MISSION, AND ONLY REPEATS THE STANDARD STATEMENT THAT THE SINAI ACCORD IGNORES THE ESSENTIAL ME PROBLEMS.

(B) PRAVDA'S COMMENTARY ON THE LIMA CANFERENCE CONDEMNS ISRAELI AGGRESSION, BUT DOES NOT MENTION THE CAMPAIGN TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE UN.

(C) PRAVDA REPLAYS A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WHICH SAYS ISRAEL ACCEPTED THE SINAI ACCORD ONLY AFTER A "SECRET AGREEMENT" WAS REACHED WITH WASHINGTON WHEREBY "2.5 - 3 BILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR" IN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO ISRAEL. SUCH A PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO THE PRAVDA REPORT, COULD CREATE PANIC AMONG ARAB GOVERNMENTS, AND COULD, THEREBY, LEAD TO ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST ARMS RACE AND ANOTHER WAR.

2. PORTUGAL. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT "PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY" IN PORTUGAL HAS MET COSTA GOMES' DECISIONS ON NORMALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION "WITH SATISFACTION," NOTING THAT ONE RESULT OF THESE DECISIONS HAS BEEN REPLACEMENT OF GONCALVES BY AZEVEDO. IZVESTIYA ALSO CONTENDS THAT NOMINATION OF GONCALVES TO CHIEF OF STAFF POST IS CONFIRMATION OF THE GREAT TRUST HE ENJOYS AMONG THE MASSES. REPORT CHARGES THAT THE "OPPOSITION PRESS" HAS NEVERTHELESS LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON GONCALVES. PRAVDA DEVELOPS THIS THEME FURTHER, NOTING THAT NOT ONLY THE PSP BUT SEVERAL OTHER PARTIES AS WELL HAVE JOINED IN THE ATTACK. IZVESTIYA'S MONTHLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW REPEATS CHARGES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WESTERN INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, USING USUAL EXAMPLES OF EC AID TIED TO POLITICAL CONDITIONS, PRESS CALLS FOR RETURN BY NATO TO GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY, AND ECONOMIC BOYCOTT BY MONOPOLY CAPITALISM. IZVESTIYA ALSO SAYS THAT IMPERIALISM IS ENGAGING IN OPEN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN ITS DIRECTION OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL ITSELF.

3. DISARMAMENT. IZVESTIYA'S MONTHLY INTERVATION REVIEW

(DEYNICHENKO) WRITES THAT "MATERIALIZATION OF DETENTE", A MAIN THEME OF BREZHNEV'S SPEECH IN HELSINKI, MEANS COMPLEMENTING POLITICAL DETENTE THROUGH DETENTE IN MILITARY RELATIONS. DEYNICHENKO REPORTS THAT CONTRARY TO THIS SPIRIT, WESTERN STATES ARE INCREASING MILITARY BUDGETS AT INSISTENCE OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, NATO, ETC. HE WRITES THAT NOW THAT FOUR NATO STATES HAVE MODERNIZED AIR FORCES, CENTER OF ATTENTION SHIFTING TO IMPROVING GROUND FORCES, "IN PARTICULAR AMERICAN FORCES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE FRG." HE ACCUSES THE PENTAGON OF ATTEMPTING TO DRAW THE U.S. INTO A NEW ROUND OF THE ARMS RACE AND AT THE SAME TIME OF WANTING TO ENRICH THE ARMS INDUSTRY IN THE U.S. HE NOTES WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT "THE PUBLICATION OF REPORTS FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN FROM TIME TO TIME ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS NEW WEAPONS." HE SAYS THAT ACTIVE PREPARATION HAS NOW BEEN BEGUN IN "MANY COUNTRIES" FOR AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM "FOR THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND FOR DISARMAMENT." HE CONTENTS THAT STOPPING THE ARMS RACE IS A SOLUBLE PROBLEM, AND POINTS TO U.S.-SOVIET ARMS AGREEMENT "WHICH LIMITS THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" AS PROOF. IZVESTIYA IN A SEPARATE TASS ITEM REPORTS BRIEFLY EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S INTERVIEW ON CHICAGO TELEVISION, HIGHLIGHTING HIS STATEMENT THAT BREZHNEV "DEFENDS HIS POSITIONS ENERGETICALLY AND WELL" AND REPORTING HIM TO HAVE SAID, IN ANSWER TO CRITICS OF THE SALT I AGREEMENT, THAT THE AGREEMENT "IS BEING FULFILLED."

4. VIETNAM. PRAVDA FRONTPAGES A BREZHNEV-PODGORNY-KOSYGIN TELEGRAM TO NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS TON DUC THANG, LE DUAN TRONG CHINH AND PHAM VAN DONG MARKING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE DRV. THE MESSAGE RELEATES THZLHE DRV TO THE WORLD WAR II DEFEAT OF GERMANY AND JAPAN, HAILS THE VIETNAMESE VICTORY OVER IMPERIALISTS AND INTERNAL REACTIONS, AND LINKS HANOI'S SUCCESS TO SUPPORT FROM "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. THE MESSAGE PRAISES HO CHI MINH AND LOOKS AHEAD TO THE TASKS

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OF PEACEFUL RECONSTRUCTION. PRAVDA AND YESTERDAY'S EVENING NEWS REPORTED A CEREMONIAL MEETING TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY AT WHICH POLITBURO MEMBER MAZUROV WAS THE RANKING SOVIET. PRAVDA ALSO CONTINUES TO REPORT THE ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM OF THE SOVIET PARTY DELEGATION LED BY POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER SOLOMENTSEV.

5. BANGLADESH. AN IZVESTIAY COMMENTARY BY M. ROSTARCHUK LAMENTS THE DEATH OF MUJIB AND PRAISES HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE, OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND OF A BALANCED FOREIGN POLICY. IZVESTIAY THEN DESCRIBES THE COUP LEADERS, NOTING THAT PRESIDENT MUSHTAK AHMED WAS A CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF MUJIB'S AND WAS CONSIDERED "UNTOUCHED BY CORRUPTION." THE COMMENTARY NOTES HIS CALLS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT WARNS THAT THE FORCES OF "IMPERIALISM, MAOISM, AND INTERNAL REACTION" MAY TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES.

6. NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY SIGNED COMMENTARIES PRAISING THE RESULTS OF THE LIMA MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS. BOTH ITEMS REPORT THE MEETINGS APPROVAL OF THE CSCE SUMMIT AND DETENTE IN GENERAL, AND ITS OPPOSITION TO RACISM AND ECONOMIC PLUNDER. IZVESTIYA'S COMMENTARY ALSO NOTED THAT THE MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE EARLY EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM CYPRUS AND NOTED THAT NORTH VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA, PANAMA AND THE PLO HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.
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